

BRIEFS

New Year's Closings

• Casey County Circuit Court Clerk Craig Overstreet's office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 1-2.
• Casey County Court Clerk Casey Davis' office will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1 through Saturday, Jan. 3.
• Liberty City Hall will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1.
• Casey County Judge-Executive Ronald Wright's office will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1.
• The Casey County News office will be closed on Thursday, Jan. 1.

Meetings

• Casey County Fiscal Court will meet in regular session on Monday, Jan. 5 at 5 p.m. upstairs in the old courthouse. The meeting is open to the public.
• Liberty City Council will meet in regular session on Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

Commodities

Commodities will be distributed to income-eligible residents from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Casey County Recycling Center. Recipients are asked to bring their own containers.

LOCAL WEATHER

Wed 12/31 32/20

Sunshine along with some cloudy intervals. High 32F.

Thu 1/1 39/28

Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the upper 20s.

Fri 1/2 38/34

Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the mid 30s.

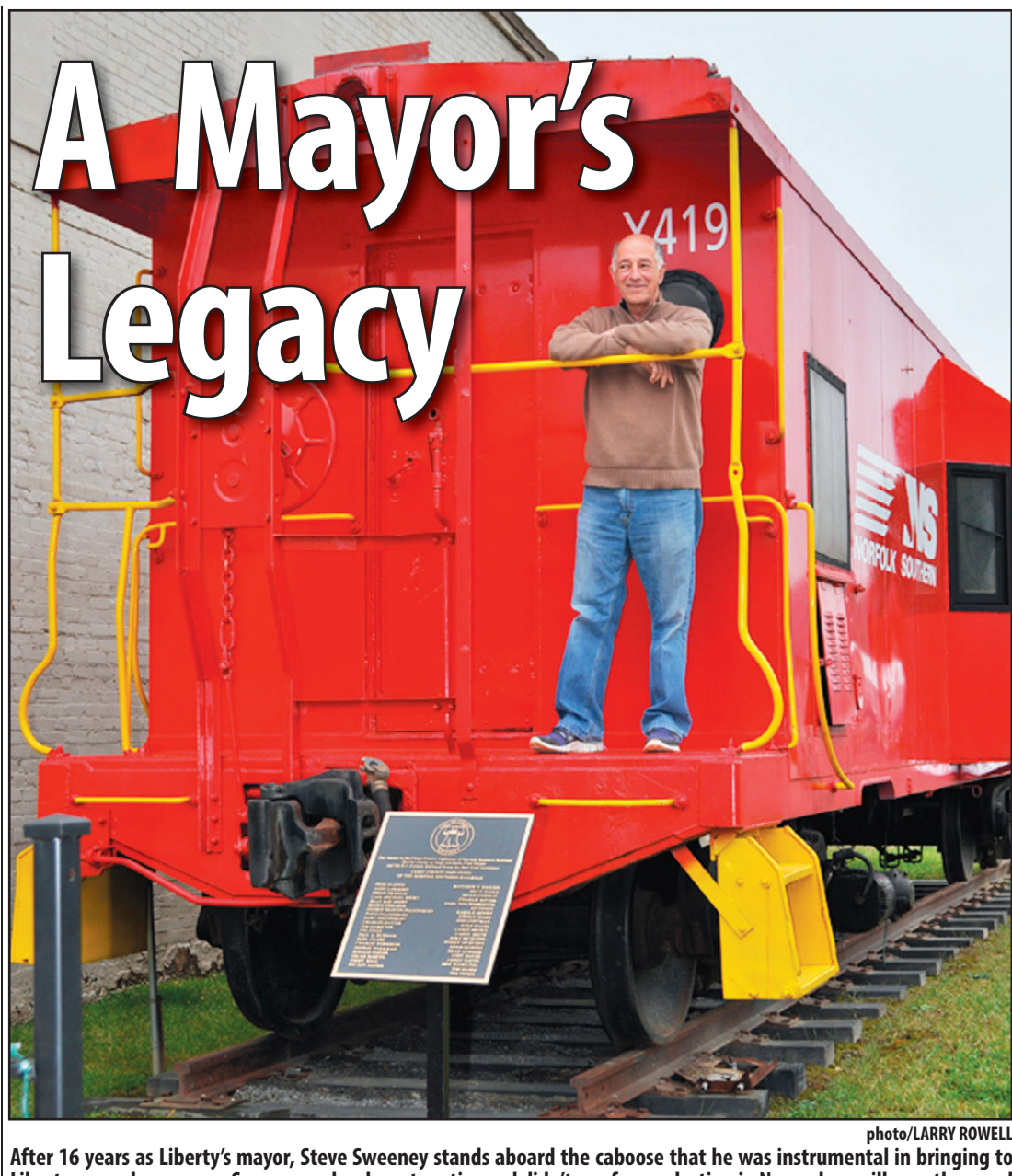
Sat 1/3 48/40

Cloudy with rain. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 40s.

Sun 1/4 39/27

Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the upper 20s.

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After 16 years as Liberty's mayor, Steve Sweeney stands aboard the caboose that he was instrumental in bringing to Liberty several years ago. Sweeney, who chose to retire and didn't run for re-election in November, will pass the gavel to Mayor-elect Steven Brown on Jan. 5.

Steve Sweeney reflects on long tenure as Liberty mayor

By Larry Rowell
Editor

Wrapping up a 16-year career as mayor, Steve Sweeney sits in his office at City Hall that's mostly cleaned out, awaiting Steven Brown, his successor, who begins his term on Jan. 5. Gone are the mementos and other things that tend to accumulate over the years.

However, what is not gone is the legacy that Sweeney leaves to a city that he affectionately calls "Eden."

"I'm proud of having a city, a little town that seems by the actions of the councils, overall, to have been compassionate toward our people because we have a lot of elderly folks and we're low income and we have our share of children to look after. And our town does a pretty good job of that," Sweeney said.

As examples, Sweeney pointed to a fund set up that helped low income city residents pay their natural gas bills in the winter months and a program that would have paid co-pays for elderly citizen's prescription drug medicines.

In addition, city councils have supported financially a fund for abused children in Russell County as well as a program that begins in the summer of 2015, which will provide food for hungry children who are out of school for the summer.

Accomplishments

Sweeney, always self-effacing, said that he hasn't been able to do anything without the council's backing.

"I've accomplished very little by myself. It's all been approved by the councils and I by and large have had very progressive councils," he said.

Sweeney said he's most proud of the new downtown college that's scheduled to be finished the end of March, with classes set to begin in the summer.

Sweeney also said that a great addition to the city is the new \$5.3 million water plant, which was completed the end of 2009 and can produce up to 2 million gallons of water daily.

"That's going to provide us with good drinking water for years to come," he said, adding that the purchase of an additional 350-acre tract of land adjoining Lake Liberty in 2010 will also ensure the expansion of the lake if it's ever needed.

Also, the mayor said that he's proud of the Veteran's Wall in Liberty that honors the county's veterans.

Liberty Island is another project that Sweeney said has been a big benefit to all Casey County residents.

Liberty Crossing is a walkway from downtown across the 23-acre island and the Green River, which allows everyone access to nature and a handy way to reach the Central Kentucky AG/EXPO Center.

The walkway is scheduled to be paved next summer, permitting more walkers to enjoy the view of the island, Sweeney said.

Another project which came to fruition during Sweeney's tenure include the new, 500,000 gallon, \$1 million water tank which was secured with a grant in 2010.

Additional needs

Looking to the future, Sweeney said that the council will have to deal with how the old, antiquated sewer plant will be upgraded, costing up to \$4 million, he said.

"The city has no choice in this matter. It's a mandate from the state that it be done. That's the last big infrastructure project that's going to need to be done. Everything else is in pretty good shape," he said.

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■ STATE LEGISLATURE

Prevailing wage tends to drive up project costs

Editor's Note: This is the third in a four-part series of stories which will examine right to work, charter schools and the prevailing wage questions Rep. Mike Harmon is asking residents in a legislative questionnaire.

By Larry Rowell
Editor

Prevailing wage.

In a recent poll of readers of *The Casey County News*, the majority of respondents thought it had something to do with minimum wage.

The poll stems from a questionnaire that Rep. Mike Harmon, R-Danville, who represents Casey and Boyle counties in the state legislature, asked constituents to answer.

"Should the Commonwealth eliminate the prevailing wage requirement on public construction projects like schools?"

According to D. Eric Shansberg, a member of the Bluegrass Institute Board of Scholars, prevailing wage is defined as "a legal arrangement designed to set minimum compensation for public-sector construction workers at rates above those determined by market supply and demand — typically at rates near 'prevailing' compensation for union workers."

Critics of paying prevailing wage for school projects over \$250,000 say that it typically costs more and eliminates local contractors from bidding on these projects.

"Most studies that I've seen show that prevailing wage pushes the cost up anywhere between 20 to 30 percent," Harmon said.

According to a recent study done by the Legislative Research Commission, Kentucky's prevailing wage law does indeed increase labor costs by as much as 51 percent for some public projects.

The LRC used a study of 12 public school projects to show that prevailing wage increased labor costs by almost \$600,000. A study of 17 state government taxpayer funded projects documented the prevailing wage law increased labor costs by 6.7 percent.

Roger Thompson, Sales Coordinator for Owens Construction Company in Dunnville, said that while he bids on these state jobs requiring him to pay prevailing wage, they're not his preferred work.

"I don't like them. It just ruins your employees," Thompson said.

For example, Thompson said that any state job over \$250,000 mandates that he pay his workers prevailing wage, which he says is about 4 times more than what he normally pays.

"If I bid a steel building say for the county, and it's over \$250,000, I have to pay my guys close to \$42 a hour prevailing wage. All the trades — concrete workers, electricians, and plumbers — are different rates," he said.

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Top local news stories of 2014 : A year in review

By Abigail Whitehouse
Staff Writer

As another year comes to a close, here is a look back at popular stories from 2014.

January

■ After more than 14 months, the stage was finally set for David Salyers to be tried in Green County Circuit Court for his alleged role in the murder of Gleason Pyles. Salyers was charged with complicity to commit murder in the Sept. 26 shooting death of Pyles at Tarter Gate in Dunnville, where he was working as a maintenance man. Court records indicated that the Kentucky State Police investigation into the murder revealed an ongoing conflict between Salyers and Pyles, making Salyers a person of interest.

■ The Casey County School Board was facing \$1.35 million in cuts for the fiscal year 2015. Manager of District-Wide Services Deena Randolph reported to the board that for the first time in 17 years she was unable to balance the budget for 2015. Randolph said that 80 percent of the budget was going to



staffing and that the district needed to stop spending \$1.3 million more than they were taking in, especially with the loss of revenue and expenditures staying flat-lined.

February

■ Grace Anna Rodgers, the 3-year-old who has captured millions of hearts around

the world by singing in videos posted on social media, swiped additional hearts when she made her national TV debut on the Katie Couric show. Rodgers was born with a rare form of dwarfism called Conradi Hunemann Syndrome and her love for singing spread quickly, resulting in many offers to appear on TV shows and other events.

■ An iconic retail clothing store that had been in Liberty for 68 years, King's Department Store, was closing its doors. A fixture in downtown Liberty since 1946, owners David and Jerry King said it was a decision that the King families had considered for some time.

March

■ Detectives with the Kentucky State Police's Drug

Enforcement and Special Investigation Unit were looking into issues surrounding the 2012 property tax settlement audit of the Casey County's Sheriff Department. Auditors commented of non-compliance issues such as cashing personal checks from tax monies to delaying deposits of tax receipts for up to two months, to taking funds from a Drug Enforcement account to cover a cash shortage of \$400 in the tax account. In response, Sheriff Jerry Coffman pointed a finger at former Deputy Clerk Michelle Maupin, whom he said he fired as a result of these discrepancies.

■ A Liberty fire truck led the funeral procession of Ronnie Joe Wesley, who was a Liberty firefighter and Utility

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Looking ahead to the new Congress

Last month, the people of Kentucky elected me to be their Senator for the next six years and in the process helped me become Senate Majority Leader. I am deeply honored and humbled by the faith the voters have placed in me.

The message from the electorate in Kentucky and nationwide could not have been more clear: the public wants a change in direction and expects things to get done in Washington. I am pleased to report that just in the past several weeks, I have been able to fight for and secure a number of positive measures to help improve the lives of Kentucky families.

Before adjourning, Congress passed legislation that prevents a retroactive tax increase on many small businesses, farmers and individuals across Kentucky. One of the more important provisions allows small businesses and farmers to expense certain business investments—for instance, the purchase of new equipment—which will help spur economic growth and job creation in the Commonwealth.

Congress also passed a bipartisan bill I was proud to co-sponsor which will assist Kentuckians with disabilities and parents who have children with disabilities. The Achieving a Better Life Experience, or ABLE Act, authorizes families to create tax-advantaged savings accounts that can be used for education, housing and transportation expenses for Kentuckians who have family members with disabilities. National Down Syndrome Society Ambassador Lynn Braker of Lexington, Kentucky said of this measure: “This is a monumental, landmark bill for people with Down syndrome and our families. This bill will change the way that families, including mine, will save for all their children and adults with Down syndrome.” The same is equally true for families coping with other disabilities.

I also supported legislation in this Congress which will provide a steadier and more reliable funding stream for America’s veterans programs. We must never forget the noble sacrifices made by our nation’s veterans, and this provision helps us stay true to this pledge.

We also passed a provision that shields Kentucky’s new lawful industrial hemp pilot programs and related university research from interfer-

Sen. Mitch McConnell
U.S. Senator



ence by the Department of Justice. This is good for our Kentucky farmers who are increasingly looking to hemp as a potential cash crop and job creator. Similarly, another provision I supported blocks the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from implementing the burdensome “Waters of the U.S.” regulations on our farmers. Helping to get the Obama administration’s Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) off the back of Kentucky farmers will have a beneficial impact on the economy of our state.

Another provision I supported that became law will ease regulations on those in the coal industry by lifting a ground transportation restriction that negatively impacted the movement of this resource — one way we can help fight the Obama administration’s War on Coal.

In addition to these more broad-based measures, I was proud to support provisions that positively affect specific Kentucky concerns. For example, I helped ensure that National Guard drug interdiction programs, chemical weapons disposal efforts at the Blue Grass Army Depot, and clean-up efforts at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant were all fully funded.

While this is good progress, we have much more to do. After the holidays, a new Republican Congress will take over and move forward to aid our nation’s economy on several fronts, starting with passage of the Keystone XL pipeline bill. This measure will create thousands of new jobs right away. A Republican Senate will redouble efforts to combat the president’s War on Coal. And a Republican Senate will have the opportunity to push back on the president’s unilateral action on immigration and continue the fight to repeal Obamacare, even as we work to address the damage it continues to do to our country and our economy.

Kentuckians know that once I take over as Senate Majority Leader in January, I will continue to vigorously fight for them and their priorities.

Until then I wish my fellow Kentuckians a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Saying goodbye to a great public servant

Liberty Mayor Steve Sweeney will pass the gavel to newly elected Mayor Steven Brown on Monday, Jan. 5.

I have had the privilege of covering Sweeney and the city council for most of the past three years of the six-and-a-half years that I’ve been at the paper.

A true liberal at heart, Sweeney is at his best when he’s thinking about how to help the poor and disenfranchised among the residents of Liberty.

One issue that he raised twice this month in special called meetings was a proposed ordinance to increase the minimum wage in Liberty from \$7.25 to \$8.

After an impassioned plea from Sweeney about a 75-cent raise helping the city’s lowest paid workers earn a little more each week, the council decided to not make a motion to bring it to the floor for discussion. It was quieter than a U of L fan trying to come up with an explanation as to why they lost Saturday to Kentucky.

Having just had their at-

Larry Rowell
Editor



tempt to repeal the restaurant tax vetoed by Sweeney, I can only assume the council didn’t want to be seen as finding a way to add an additional burden on those employers in the city who typically hire minimum wage earners.

Currently, Kentucky’s minimum wage is tied to the federal wage, meaning that if and when the federal government increases the current \$7.25 wage, then Kentucky must raise theirs.

Rep. Terry Mills, D-Lebanon, who formerly represented Casey County, said recently on KET’s “Kentucky Tonight” that with Washington unlikely to increase the minimum wage, Kentucky legislators should take action.

“We all know, I think — especially in the current political climate in Wash-

ington, D.C. — the minimum wage is not going to be raised, so I think we have an obligation to treat these people better,” Mills said.

Mills wasn’t serving in the state house in 2007 when Kentucky legislators passed a bill tying the minimum wage knot to federal law in Washington.

In this case, as Washington goes, so goes Kentucky.

Opponents of any minimum wage increase say it would make Kentucky uncompetitive with neighboring states that aren’t increasing the wage.

Also, critics lament, the Kentucky legislature shouldn’t be telling business owners how much to pay their employees, a kind of “stay out of our business” approach to governing.

We saw this same attitude with Liberty city council members last week, with the exception of Brian Beeler, who repealed the city’s banning of smoking in public places ordinance.

While I might not un-

derstand the complexities of every angle in this wage situation, I do understand Sweeney’s heart, with wanting to help workers.

That little bit, along with corresponding expenses such as increased payroll taxes, would either have to be assumed by the employer or passed on to consumers.

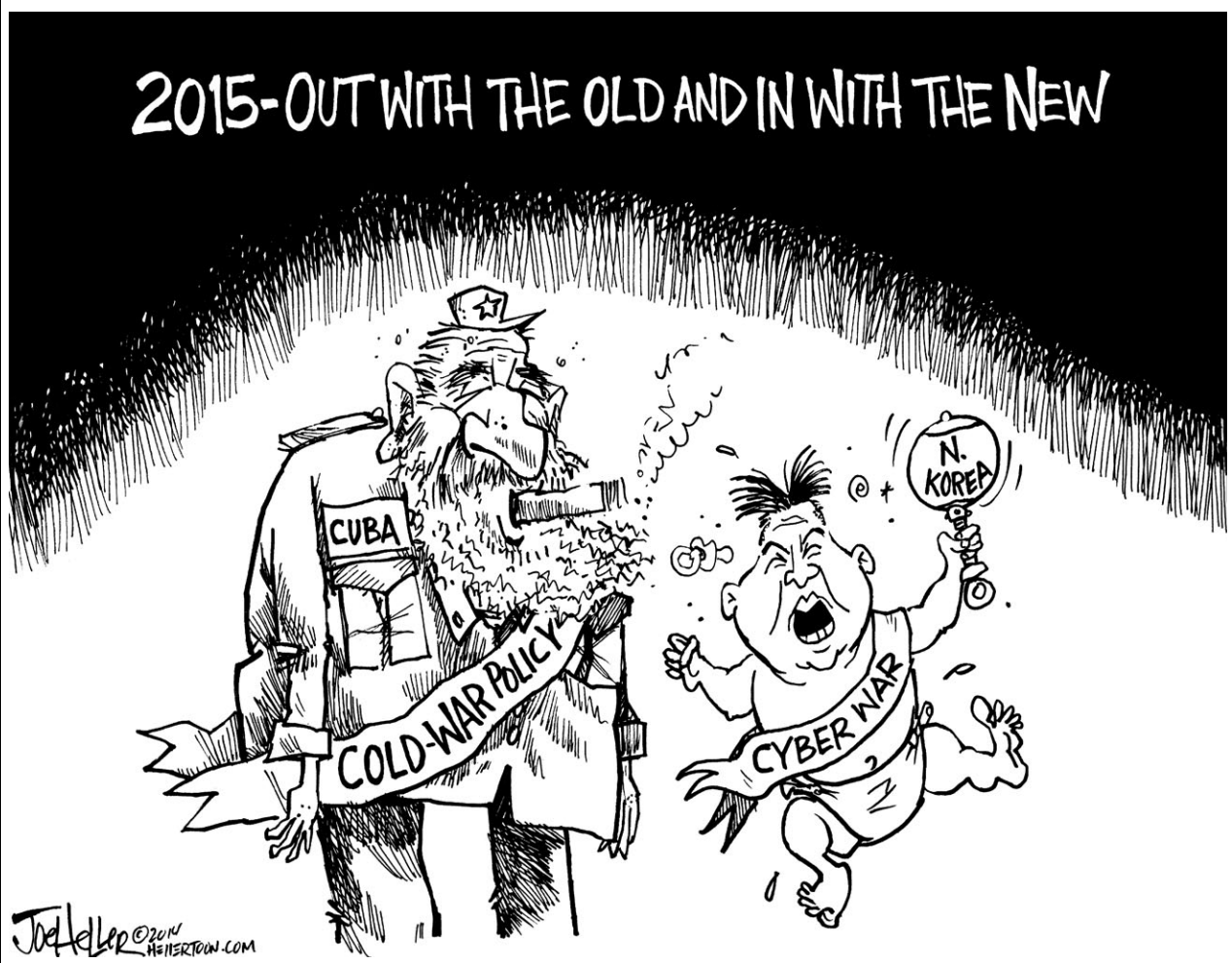
I’m OK with paying a little more if hard working Americans get a small raise.

It seems like each time I go into a grocery, food prices have crept up, especially beef. I’m happy for the beef producers getting more for their labors.

Two years ago, when gasoline was hovering near \$4 a gallon, who could we complain to? Arabic nations in the Middle East? OPEC? Hardly. We paid it and that was that.

We pay the prices for food and gas so why shouldn’t we pay a little more so minimum wage workers can improve their station in life?

That’s a question we all need to answer. And soon.



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Students protest first lady’s lunch

Until recently I had only heard the occasional disgruntled mention of first lady Michelle Obama and her fervor for trimming down America’s youth.

In my opinion, the role of the first lady is a crucial one and the standard set by Eleanor Roosevelt is practically unsurpassable.

It wasn’t until I began to read about the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act that I realized our current first lady has raised quite a hornet’s nest of angry students across the U.S. and as their numbers continue to grow, so does the sound of their voices.

As someone who firmly believes that less government is better government, I can’t say I’m surprised that a federal school lunch program would have some issues.

The role of the federal government in public edu-

Abigail Whitehouse
Staff Writer



cation has done nothing but increase in my lifetime, and this one-size-fits-all approach to youth is one I’ve never been a proponent of. The messages have always gotten mixed up for me. On one half of the chalkboard, teachers tell students, “You’re all unique. You are each a special snowflake,” while the other half says, “However, you will be taught as though you are all the same.”

School lunches were disgusting in my day, and from what I’ve read they’re not getting much better, despite these healthy new efforts.

I couldn’t help but smile when I read the headline, “Wausau-Area student leads lunch boycott to protest federal program/18-year-old encourages classmates to ‘Pack a Bag’ to protest skimpy school lunches.”

The article describes how a female senior at D.C. Everest Senior High in Wisconsin is leading the protest and her reasons behind it.

“The problem, (according to the student), is that the only difference between the meals before the program took effect and the ones served now is that they’re smaller.”

So in essence, the lunch program is restricting calories by cutting portions of the same processed foods.

And the ‘healthy’ foods that are being dished out, are ending up in the trash cans.

The National School Boards Association stated that, “NSBA’s survey of school leaders shows that since that law went into effect in 2010, 83.7 percent of school districts saw an increase in plate waste, 81.8 percent had an increase in cost, and 76.5 percent saw a decrease in participation by students.”

I’ll be the first to say, creating a healthier, nutritionally-aware youth is a noble goal.

But rather than serving the same garbage in smaller amounts, why not let your local farmers provide schools and students with REAL food through the Farm to School program.

Although I hate seeing students unhappy with their schools, I do love seeing them stand up for something they believe in, and get results.

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Kentucky state legislators, dignitaries from state agencies, local politicians and residents gathered at the construction site of the Casey County Community and Education Center in downtown Liberty. Various speakers congratulated the city and county governments for their persistence and tenacity in following through with this project. The college is expected to cost about \$3.5 million and construction began just after the ceremony. Marrillia Design and Construction Co. of Lexington hopes to complete the building by the end of March.

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2014

Continued from front
ties Superintendent for the City of Liberty. Wesley died unexpectedly of an apparent heart attack. Wesley's helmet, with his number 601, sat on the dash of the truck.

April

Kentucky Republican U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell presented the Purple Heart medal to Sgt. Jesse Wethington, who served in Iraq and sustained injuries from an IED in 2005. Wethington is a native of Clementsville and was honored at a ceremony at VFW Post 1170 in Middletown.

Kentucky state legislators, dignitaries from state agencies, local politicians, and residents gathered at the construction site of the Casey County Community and Education Center in downtown Liberty. A crowd of more than 200 people showed up to break ground for the new college being constructed at the corner of Pettyjohn and Jockey streets in downtown Liberty.

Students enrolled in the career readiness program at CCCHS will have a new engineering program and other resources to get them ready to enter the marketplace after graduation. Casey School Superintendent Marion Sowders told members of the Casey County School Board that Casey County High School was one of 10 Kentucky high schools to get \$500,000 as part of a federal grant over the next five years. The grant will pay for start-up supplies, including laptops to run the engineering software.

May

Casey County Sheriff Jerry Coffman and Deputy Jamie Walters arrested Travis Ancil Buis, 22, of 3573 Rouse Branch Road, Liberty, and charged him with attempted murder, adult kidnapping, and first-degree burglary in the abduction of his father, Terry. Travis Buis was escorted from the woods behind his mobile home where he held his father, Terry Buis, at gunpoint until officers were able to negotiate his release. A neighbor had alerted Casey County 911 dispatch that a trailer was on fire on Rouse Branch Road and two men were seen walking in a field behind the residence.

Former Casey County Sheriff Deputy Clerk Michelle D. Maupin was charged with three counts of theft by unlawful taking, \$500 or more but less than \$10,000. The indictment states that Maupin took \$545.35 on Nov. 30, 2012, \$688.61 on Dec. 3, 2012, and \$544.72 on Dec. 3 2012.

June

Austin Mincey, a 14-year-old freshman at Casey County High School and avid motocross racer, crashed during the AMA Amateur National Motocross

Mid-East Regional Championship Competition in Crawfordsville, Ind. Mincey later died as a result of injuries he received during the accident. Hundreds of motocross riders joined the funeral procession to honor Mincey and his love of the sport.

The historic Tarter house, built in 1806, was the center of a requested zoning change facing the Liberty Planning and Zoning Commission. Owners Randall and Tonya Meece and David and Rhonda Grider were seeking a zone change from residential to mix use, which would allow prospective owners Chuck and Tammy Meece to use the house as a corporate office for a design team for Goose Creek Candles. Some neighbors opposed the zoning change, citing the long-standing residential zoning designation.

July

Liberty's Independence Day parade was almost cancelled due to a lack of participation. Casey County resident Glen Phillips Jr. addressed the Liberty City Council and took on responsibility of planning the parade. With help from many others in the community, Liberty had its largest Independence Day parade, with visitors from all over the U.S.

After 16 years, Liberty Mayor Steve Sweeney announced that he will not seek another term. Sweeney was first elected in November 1998. Sweeney said he has six grandchildren and wants to spend more time with them.

A Casey County man led county, city, and state law enforcement officers on a high speed chase for about 30 minutes before officers put spike strips on the road, puncturing his tires and ending the chase. Brandon Cole Roy, 33, of 765 Red Hill Road, Dunville, was arrested for a laundry list of charges including speeding, first-degree fleeing or evading police in a motor vehicle, 11 counts of first-degree wanton endangerment of a police officer, first offense DUI, operating a motor vehicle on a suspended/revoked operator's license, resisting arrest, and more.

August

As Jennifer Denney resigned her position as Casey County High School Band Director, Jordan Williams took her place. Williams said the main goal was to reinvigorate the Marching Rebel Band.

A Casey County man was found dead after an accident that police said happened when he crossed a fence carrying a knife and a potted marijuana plant. According to a Kentucky State Police press release, it appeared that Wilson fell on an open knife, stabbing himself in the chest. Wilson's partner for five years spoke out on his



ABOVE, Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell presents the Purple Heart medal to Sgt. Jesse Wethington, who served in Iraq and sustained injuries from an IED in 2005. Wethington is a native of Clementsville and was honored at a ceremony at VFW Post 1170. BELOW, More than 200 motorcycles were in the 2014 Fourth of July parade in downtown Liberty. Riders came from across the Commonwealth and from different areas of the United States. Here, Dorothy Scott, Louise Bates and Versie Lawhorn enjoyed a ride in the parade dressed in patriotic attire.

behalf saying that he did not grow marijuana and it wasn't his pot plant.

September

The grandmother of an 18-year-old Kentucky State Police drug informant who was murdered in July of 1996 in Casey County finally found closure with a Kentucky Supreme Court ruling. Virginia Gaither, administratrix of the estate of Lebron Gaither, will receive \$148,787.12 from the state Board of Claims. The compensation came as a result of an Aug. 21 Supreme Court ruling in which KSP detectives were cited as negligent in the way they handled Lebron Gaither as a confidential drug informant.

Judge-Executive Ronald Wright was notified that the county would receive \$194,000 for an updated dispatch system, which included a computer-aided dispatch system, radio equipment, a recorder, and all the hardware and software associated with the updated equipment.

The Casey County Apple Festival celebrated its 40th year.

October

The Casey County School District celebrated moving into the top 11 percentile overall across the state, as well as the top 10 percent in the state for college and career readiness.

Boyd Harris, former principal of Liberty Elementary School, along with Shawn Pierce, principal at Jones Park Elementary, and LES teacher Luann Williams were each named as Directors of District Wide Programs. The three joined the Casey County Board of Education



central office team.

The last tobacco payout was expected to go out around Oct. 30, leaving the post-buyout era for tobacco producers uncertain.

November

Randy Dial defeated Democratic rival Jeff Mason by almost 2,000 votes, 3,078 to 1,083, as well as write-in candidate Mary Sue Shoopman who garnered 743. Liberty voters cast 348 votes for Steven Brown in the mayor's race, while his opponent, Andy Lawhorn, collected 280 votes. Brian Beeler was the only incumbent candidate to retain his seat in the city council race. Incumbents Brad Vaughn, Mitchell Phillips, and Larry Bowmer were defeated. Newcomers are Doug Johnson, Nick Scott, Greg Hansford, Carla Wesley-Turner, and Jim Worley.

Tony Streeval was named the new principal at

Jones Park Elementary. David McFadden, a former music teacher in Casey County, was named the new principal at Liberty Elementary School.

The Casey County Board of Education adopted a tobacco-free policy for all Casey school campuses, beginning with the 2015-16 school year.

Liberty City Council adopted two new ordinances – a city-wide smoking ban and a 3 percent restaurant tax.

December

Charles Davis was a highly decorated veteran who passed away in December of 2013. A year later, his family received a Silver Star marker for his grave.

A call from a 6-year-old girl to Casey County E-911 dispatch saying that she was crying and scared resulted in the arrest of her 54-year-old grandmother on a charge of child abandonment. Accord-

ing to court records, Deputy Jordan Buis found the child about 2 a.m., two miles from the location she called from, walking on the road in a cold rain without shoes. Further, the child told Buis that Peggy E. Long, of 5824 Ky. 1859 (Chicken Gizzard Road), Liberty, had grabbed her by the arm and pushed her out the door. Long has also been charged with fourth-degree assault domestic violence, no visible injury.

In a special called meeting, Liberty City Council held a second reading and passed a motion to rescind a city-wide smoking ban that was adopted in November. A move to rescind the 3 percent tax on restaurant and ready-to-eat meals, while approved by the council, received an immediate veto from the mayor. For the first time in 16 years, Liberty Mayor Steve Sweeney used his veto powers to uphold the city ordinance.

Superintendent Marion Sowders addressed the crowd prior to the Casey-Bell County football game and boasts of the district's recent K-PREP scores and the impressive improvements the district and schools have made overall.

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Boyd Lee Roy, 68

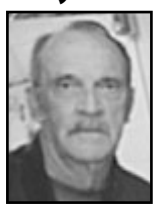
Boyd Lee Roy passed away Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014 at his home in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was 68.

Born April 9, 1946 in Boyle County, he was the son of Carlie Barber Roy of Mintonville and the late Everett Clay Roy.

Other survivors include his beloved wife, Brenda Lay Roy of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sons, Boyd N. (and Christy) Roy and Bradley L. Roy, both of Cincinnati, Ohio; three grandchildren, Grace, Andrew, and Matthew Roy; a brother, Robert (and Ethel) Roy of Yosemite; and a sister, Elaine (and Bobby) Atwood of Liberty.

In addition to his father, he is preceded in death by a brother, Gary Roy.

Visitation will be held at Paul R. Young Funeral Home, 7345 Hamilton Avenue, Mt. Healthy, Ohio today (Wednesday, Dec. 31) from 4 p.m. until time of the prayer service at 8 p.m.



ROY

Visitation at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home is Thursday, Jan. 1 from 4:30 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2 at McKinney-Brown Funeral Home with Mack Ralph Lay officiating. Burial will follow in Caney Fork Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Hospice of Cincinnati, 4360 Cooper Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242 or Lung Cancer Foundation of America, 15 South Franklin Street, New Ulm, MN 56073.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKinney-Brown Funeral home with guestbook available online at www.mckinneybrown.com.

Howard N. Wethington, 50

Howard Nelson Wethington of Lebanon died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014 at his residence. He was 50.

Born in Liberty on April 9, 1964, he was the son of the late Lillie Margaret Wethington.

Survivors include a brother, Harvey Wething-

ton of Lebanon; and two sisters, Virginia Rodgers and Lela Glover, both of Liberty.

Services were Dec. 27 at Bartle Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Jerry Smith officiating.

Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

William 'Bill' Thompson, 90



William "Bill" Morgan Thompson of Middleburg died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014 at Casey County Hospital. He was 90.

Born on Oct. 20, 1924 in Walnut Hill, he was the son of the late Clay and Ettie Morgan Thompson.

Bill was a farmer, and a former Casey County magistrate for District 3, serving 13 years.

He was a U.S. World War II Navy veteran and an active member of Middleburg Baptist Church, serving as song leader for 20 years.

He was united in marriage May 1, 1946 to Ada Avoniel Short Thompson, who survives.

Additional survivors include a daughter, Gwen (and Donny) Grider of Middleburg; two grandsons, Donovan and Chaz Grider, both of Lexington; and two brothers, Clifford



THOMPSON

Thompson of Sharonville, Ohio and Lillard Thompson of Richmond.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Clayton, Otis and Homer Thompson; and four sisters, Irene Witt, Christine Sharp, Evelyn Delk and Inas Clements.

Services were Dec. 29 at Middleburg Baptist Church with Rev. Keith Bowling officiating.

Burial was at Middleburg Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Donovan and Chaz Grider, Victor and Julian Black, Garland Sharp and Larry Witt.

Bartle Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. www.bartlefuneralhome.com.

Imogene Davis, 75

Imogene Davis died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2014 at her home in Bowling Green. She was 75.

Born Feb. 3, 1939 in Casey County, she was the daughter of the late Clay and Gertrude Taylor.

She is survived by three daughters, Ellen (and Tom) Pardue and Emily (and Tommy) Holderfield, both of Bowling Green, and Sarah (and Stuart) Clements of Liberty; a granddaughter, Grace Clements of Liberty; a brother, Gerald (and Fran-

ces) Taylor of Columbia; and three sisters, June (and J.C.) Bell of Louisville and Fay McQueary and Glenna (and Jimmy) Bryant, both of Liberty.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Eva Gilpin; a sister, Irene Taylor; and a brother, Larry Taylor.

Cone Funeral Home, Bowling Green, is in charge of arrangements with burial at St. Bernard Cemetery, Clementsville.

Pina F. Ballard, 74

Pina Francis Ballard of Danville died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014 at Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center. She was 74.

Born in Liberty on Aug. 19, 1940, she was the daughter of the late Smith and Mary Crawley Lynn.

Survivors include her husband, Joseph Anthony Ballard; a son, Thomas Ray Bryant of Springfield; three daughters, Diane Francis Bryant of Danville, and Patricia Ann Sanderlyn

and Michelle Garrett Williams, both of Lebanon; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

Services will be today (Wednesday, Dec. 31) at 2 p.m. at Bartle Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Charles Lynn officiating.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. today (Dec. 31) at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Peyton Cemetery.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Matthew 5:3-9

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HAPPENINGS

■ Casey County Pork Producers will meet Monday, Jan. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Pork Producer's building at the ag/expo center.

■ Casey County Cattleman's Association will meet Thursday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Casey County Extension Office. RSVP by 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 10 to 606-787-7384.

■ KHEAA will host a financial aid workshop on Wednesday, Jan. 14 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Casey County High School.

■ A homeschooling parent meeting/workshop will be held Thursday, Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. at Lincoln County Public Library. Topics will be "Reading and Spelling Difficulties and Solutions" and "Your Freedom From Chaos, How To Get It All Done."

■ Healthy Cooking Class will meet Thursday, Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Casey County Public Library. For information call Brenda, 606-787-5323.

■ Casey County Hospital Auxiliary will meet Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 1 p.m.

in the lobby of the hospital.

SUPPORT GROUPS

■ Narcotics Anonymous will meet Monday, Jan. 5 at 8 p.m. at Cornerstone Baptist Church (Lake Liberty). For information call 606-706-5627 or 859-576-4380.

■ A.A. will meet at 8 p.m. at the Casey County Library on Sunday, Jan. 4. For information call 606-787-5866.

■ Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 8 p.m. at the Casey County Library on Friday, Jan. 2. For information call 606-787-5866.

■ The Casey County A.A. meeting will be at 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church fellowship hall on Tuesday, Jan. 6. For information call 606-787-7205 or 787-5866.

■ The Casey County Al-Anon meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the First Christian Church on Tuesday, Jan. 6. For information call 606-303-4582 or 706-0071.

■ TOPS KY 404 will

meet at Westside Christian Church with weigh-in at 5 p.m. and meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 1. For information call Donna Mills, 606-787-6431.

■ Narcotics Anonymous will meet Thursday, Jan. 1 at 8 p.m. at Dunnville First Baptist Church, located at 13702 S. U.S. 127. For more information, call 606-706-9121 or 787-5866.

■ Multiple Sclerosis/Parkinson's Disease/Lou Gehrig's support group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

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■ Shady Grove Separate Baptist Church will have watch night service on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. with Bro. Casey Davis as speaker. There will be special music.

■ Hwy. 49 Holiness Church will have watch night service on Wednesday,

Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. with Bro. Donald Tapio.

■ Thomas Ridge Christian Church will have watch night service on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. with special singing by Tonia Gosser.

■ Grove Ridge Baptist Church will have watch night service on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 8 p.m.

■ Mt. Calvary Baptist Church will have a guest speaker, Bro. Isaiah Super,

on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 7 p.m. Special music will be by Chad Godby.

■ Canaan Valley Separate Baptist Church will have watch night service on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 8 p.m. with South of Heaven singers.

■ Casey County Baptist Association free clothing closet is open Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. weather permitting.

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NEWS FROM AROUND Kentucky

19-year-old neighbor charged with murdering Russell Springs man

Lexington Herald-Leader

A Russell Springs man died early Saturday morning after a fight with his neighbor, police say.

Trevor Robertson, 19, allegedly used a shotgun to wound Jason Adams Willis, 34, in the upper torso about 3:50 a.m. at Willis' home at 4248 Ky. 92, according to police.

The two men were involved in a verbal argument before Robertson retrieved a shotgun from his home, police said.

Willis was pronounced dead at the scene, the press release said.

Robertson is charged with murder and is being held at the Russell County jail.

The investigation is ongoing.

Armed robber hits Danville business

The Advocate Messenger

Danville police are looking for a man who used a gun to commit a robbery at a check-cashing business Saturday afternoon.

According to a press release, officers responded to the Check Advance location in Danville Square Shopping Center about 1 p.m. after a man robbed the business at gunpoint.

A Check Advance employee told police that a man came into the business and showed a weapon before demanding money from the register. He then fled the store with an undetermined amount of cash, police said.

The robbery was captured on the business's video camera.

The suspect is described as a bi-racial male between 5 feet 8 inches and 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing about 200 pounds. He was wearing a dark navy sweatshirt or hoodie, a gray scarf and large black sunglasses.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Danville Police Department at (859) 238-1220. Detective Kevin Peel and others are investigating.

Marion County woman found dead in her driveway

The Lebanon Enterprise

The Kentucky State Police are investigating a homicide after a Lebanon woman was found dead in her driveway Thursday evening.

The KSP received a call from the Lebanon Police Department at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 25, reporting a female who was found lying in her driveway on Parkside Drive in Lebanon with an apparent gunshot wound.

The victim, Susan D. Summers, 46, was taken to Spring View Hospital where she was pronounced dead by the Marion County Coroner.

An autopsy was to be performed the following day at the State Medical Examiner's office in Louisville.

Ale-8-One recognized for Patriot Award

Winchester Sun

For more than the past decade or so — perhaps even longer — the Ale-8-One Bottling Co. every Christmas season ships thousands of cases of its product overseas to military personnel.

It's almost become a rite of passage. As a result of the Winchester-based company's ongoing support to the military — including the Army Reserve National Guard — Ale-8-One's fourth generation owner Fielding Rogers was awarded the U.S. Department of Defense's Employer Support of The Guard and Reserve's Patriotic Award on Dec. 22 in the lobby of the main office off Carol Road. The Patriotic Award is rewarded to employers and supervisors of employers who have been nominated by a serving military member, typically the company in which they have been or are employed.

In this case, Ale-8-One was nominated not by an employee, but by John C. Kendall of Frankfort, a specialist in the Army National Guard.

Accepting on behalf of Fielding Rogers, former president and owner Frank A. "Buddy" Rogers III received a plaque from James D. Comer, Kentucky Area Chair of the Office of the Secretary of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve which honored Rogers and Ale-8-One as a Patriotic Employer for contributing to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Force.

"In this particular case, they (Ale-8-One) were nominated for their support of the military, especially those overseas,"

Comer said. "They've been shipping for about 10 years now a couple thousand cases of their product to military in Kuwait, Afghanistan and Iraq and so forth."

If ruling upheld, libraries could owe millions

The State Journal

Paul Sawyer Public Library could be forced to pay back as much as \$1.3 million to local taxpayers and roll back its tax rate by 40 percent if a Kentucky Appeals Court upholds a lower-court's contentious ruling.

Library Executive Director Donna Gibson told *The State Journal* that based on past revenues from 2012 the system would likely have to refund \$1,363,405 if judges side with taxpayers in Kenton and Campbell counties, who filed lawsuits that argue many state library districts have improperly raised taxes for decades.

If upheld, the ruling could mean drastic cuts to the local library, which is operating on a \$3.2 million budget through 2015.

"We would look at across the board cuts," Gibson said. "We do have money in reserve and would budget accordingly."

The issue: an estimated 99 state library systems — including Franklin County's Paul Sawyer Public Library — levied taxes without the proper 51 percent voter approval, mandated by an obscure 1964 law.

Circuit judges in Northern Kentucky initially ruled for the plaintiffs in April 2013. Kenton and Campbell county libraries appealed and now await an appeal court's ruling. It's unclear when judges might rule on the case.

Earlier this month, lawyers for the libraries warned of "calamitous budget cuts" if the suits prevailed. They argued that since 1979 libraries have been included as part of special taxing districts that are permitted to incrementally raise taxes without express approval from voters.

The issue went previously uncontested for decades but gained momentum from Northern Kentucky tea party activists — including Charlie Coleman, who was elected to the Campbell County Commission this November.

"We the people own the library. Every dollar spent in that library comes from us. So we should have a voice," he told the *Lexington Herald Leader*. Money generated by the local library tax goes to fund the system's collection of books, CDs, DVDs, magazines and other media.

Heroin overdoses rise; police fear reliance on naloxone

News Democrat

Heroin overdoses are on the rise in Carroll County and have become increasingly prevalent since the beginning of December. Carroll County EMS paramedic Chris Combs said Monday he estimates there has been one every other day since Dec. 1.

In his 20 years of experience as an EMT and paramedic, Combs said he has seen more heroin overdoses in the last year than in his previous 19 years combined.

Carroll County Memorial Hospital treated 13 overdoses from Dec. 14-20, Combs said.

During an interview on Dec. 19, Carroll County Sheriff Jamie Kinman said there had been seven overdoses county-wide since Dec. 1. However, after the weekend, that number increased by one.

"Carrollton Police Department has concerns that someone is selling bad heroin or cutting it with another by-product, making it have a different affect and [to be] more potent," Chief Mike Willhoite said Monday.

The incidents occurred at Mill Creek Road, Easter Day, Family Dollar, Martin Road and Carrollton. There was also an unreported incident involving a person who was found unconscious in a car and taken to Carroll County Memorial Hospital.

Carroll County EMS was called on all of the incidents, except for the one at the hospital, Kinman said, and every person was administered a dose of the life-saving drug naloxone.

"If it hadn't been for EMS, every one of these people would have died," Kinman said.

After interviewing the subjects, Kinman said almost all of them are getting heroin from the Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati area. Heavy users will make the trip several times a day to get their fix, he said.

Through their investigations, Kinman said others are obtaining some heroin locally in Carrollton, but the vast majority is from NKY/Cincinnati.

"This is the worst drug you can encounter on the street level. It's a devil drug," Deputy Rodney Hawkins said Friday in a joint-interview with Kinman.

Deeds Recorded

Misty Hill, Liberty, to James Vaught, Liberty, .4 acres on Allen Creek, no monetary consideration, fair market value \$2,000.

Misty Hill, Liberty, to Annie Rankin, by and through Christy L. Cochran, her attorney-in-fact, Liberty, 1.67 acres on Con-town Ridge Road, love and affection, fair market value \$15,000.

Billy and Bernadine Douglas, Liberty, to Billy and Bernadine Douglas, as joint tenants, 6.2 acres in Casey County, love and affection, fair market value \$51,000.

Elza and Carol King, Liberty, to Elza E. King, Liberty, 1 acre on Dry Ridge Road, love and affection, fair market value \$10,000.

Bennie and Nettie Patton, Dunnville, to Rodney and Joanie Finn, Liberty, store house lot and vacant lot on Hustonville Street, \$38,000.

Mable Smith, Liberty, to Donald Smith Jr., Brad-fordsville, .85 acres on Ky. 49, love and affection, fair market value \$3,000.

Amy and Jeff Murphy, Liberty, to Marcia Rakes, Campbellsville, two lots on corner of Whipp Avenue and Fair Street, \$50,000.

James and Rebecca Blevins, Junction City, to Janet Bolin, Liberty, .5 acres on Canoe Creek, \$5,000.

William Clements III, Liberty, to Deborah Clements, Liberty, 65 acres on U.S. 127, love and affection, fair market value \$57,000.

Dana and Kenny Morgan, Dunnville, to Dana and Kenny Morgan, Dunnville, as joint tenants, 14 acres on Goose Creek, love

and affection, fair market value \$125,000.

James and Rebecca Blevins, Junction City, Eric and Daphnay Blevins, Hustonville, Kimberly and Damon Jarrett, Stanford, and Janet Bolin, Liberty, Regina and Preston Skipper, Gravel Switch and Robert Blevins, Liberty, to Robert Blevins, Liberty, 2.8 on Blevins Road, love and affection, fair market value \$25,000.

James and Rebecca Blevins, Junction City, Eric and Daphnay Blevins, Hustonville, Kimberly and Damon Jarrett, Stanford, Janet Bolin, Liberty, Regina and Preston Skipper, Gravel Switch and Robert Blevins, Liberty, to Donald Tarter, Joy Tarter, David Tarter, and Anna Tarter-Smith, Dunnville, 180 acres on waters of Horney Head branch, \$500,000.

Jeffrey and Jill Delk, Bradfordsville, to Richie and Donna Sims, Middle-burg, 21.6 acres, \$42,000.

Jesse and Martha Shirk, Liberty, to Edward and Marian Nolt, Liberty, 53 acres in Casey County, \$195,000.

Sharon and Jeff Mason, Liberty to Karen Wething-ton, Liberty, tract of land on Whipp Avenue, \$12,500. Gene Monday, Liberty, to Roger Monday, Liberty, 1.86 acres in Casey Coun-

ty, \$6,000.

Carol Meece, Liberty, to Michael Meece, Liberty, lot in Casey County, love and affection, fair market value \$6,000.

5217 Little South Road, LLC, Perryville, to Chris-tina and Anthony Fazio, Gravel Switch, 1.5 acres and mobile home in Casey County, \$42,000.

Marriage Licenses

Jennifer Lovins, 33, Liberty, homemaker, and William Wilson, 36, Liberty, Stante Consulting.

Christina Dalton, 18, Liberty, store clerk, and Tyler Pemberton, 19, Liberty, warehouse stocker.

Krystal Jawort, 22, Liberty, homemaker, and Joshua Johnson, 22, Liberty, Tarter Gate.

Mary Underwood, 31, Liberty, caretaker/home-maker, and Robert Russell, 33, Liberty, disabled.

Martha Burke, 67, Lib-erty, retired, and Orville Spencer, 78, Liberty, re-tired.

Kaitlyn Carmicle, 20, Liberty, student, and Mat-thew Lynn, 21, Liberty, laborer.

Laura Stotts, 25, Co-lumbia, nanny, and Ronald Greer, 22, Columbia, main-tenance.

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Sadie

Sadie Morgan Watts, daughter of Jared and Amber Watts of Stanford, was born Sept. 22, 2014 at 7:20 p.m. at Fort Logan Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and measured 19 ½ inches in length. Maternal grandparents are June Hodge and Dean Morgan of Middleburg. Paternal grandparents are Randy and Aleisha Wattts of Middleburg. Maternal great-grandparents are Donald Ray Morgan of Liberty and Joyce Loffredo of Mt. Dora, Fla. Paternal great-grandparents are Billie and Helen Jean Watts of Middleburg, Inas Kaye Ryan of Liberty, and James Elmore of Cincinnati.



Hospital employees recognized

Casey County Hospital employees who achieved milestone years of service were honored at the hospital's annual Christmas party on Dec. 9. Those on hand to accept their awards from Administrator/CEO Rusty Tungate were, from left, Thomas Foster Sr., Brenda Roberts, Pam Wethington, Tungate, Kim Cook, Cyndi Clark, Jennifer Crowe and Sharon Rayborn.

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5 generations

The five generations of Laura Crowe's family include, from left, her granddaughter, Jennifer Warner; daughter, Evelyn Rousey; great-granddaughter, Amanda Richards; and great-great-granddaughter, Jenna Richards.



OUT OF THE PAST

10 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 5, 2005

A Tarter Gate Co. truck was demolished when it plunged over an embankment near Meece Middle School located on Ky. 80 in Somerset.

Bids for a 40-bed expansion to the Casey County Detention Center were opened and they came in higher than officials had hoped.

An elderly Casey County man suffering from Alzheimer's disease drove away from his Lower Brush Creek Road home and was found nearly 10 hours later in Russell County.

Brittany Raney was presented an award from Casey County Judge-Executive Ronald Wright, congratulating her for becoming the first Miss Kentucky County Fair Pre-Teen. The certificate was also signed by Liberty Mayor Steve Sweeney.

After three months of discussions with a Liberty property owner, the City Council agreed to help her with a flooding issue.

The Liberty City Council recognized former Casey County Board of Education Chairman Don Sweeney with a certificate naming him as an outstanding citizen of the community.

The City of Liberty agreed to buy the former Lucian Lawson property, which sits adjacent to City Hall.

One 12-ounce package of Kraft's Velveeta cheese singles was \$1.99 at Abe's Pic-Pac.

Obituaries: Kent Propes, 40; Anna Estes Coffman, 90; John F. Smith, 87; Deanna Lindsay, 58; Ida Dick, 88; William Price Jr., 78; William H. Clements, 73; John M. Laswell, 36; Virginia McKinney, 82.

20 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 4, 1994

Sarah Sallee, Casey County's Junior Miss, left for Bowling Green to prepare for the state Junior Miss Program.

A cost estimate prepared by Micah Beard, Casey County's Disaster and Emergency Services Coordinator, projected

an annual cost of \$273,221.76 for a 911 emergency communications program.

The cost of first-class postage stamps increased from 29 cents to 32 cents.

Eighteen patients were admitted to the Casey County War Memorial Hospital during its first month of operation.

A one-pound roll of Weber's sausage was \$1.79 at Food World.

USDA choice T-bone steaks were \$2.99 per pound at A&D Supermarket. Obituaries: Edith M. Davis, 84; Chelsea C. Reynolds, 6; James A. Wethington, 69; Leseter C. Frederick, 80; Clay Taylor, 83; Margie L. Lynn, 61; William G. Kirtley, 86; William Earl Godbey, 79; Hettie Pitman Jeffries, 91; Mary E. Norman, 69; Mable Wright, 79.

30 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 7, 1985

A McKinney man later charged with public intoxication and escape in the third degree, twice escaped capture by Casey County deputies before finally being caught.

Twelve persons had filed their intentions to seek county offices in the May 28 primary.

Casey County Fiscal Court appointed Roger Richardson and Rollin Neat to four-year terms on the Casey County War Memorial Hospital Board.

Dr. Kent Gibson decided to locate his medical practice in Liberty.

Stephanie Dawn Lee was selected as an entrant in the 1985 Little Junior Miss Pageant in Louisville.

Freezing rain and ice fell over the county and caused power outages for some electric consumers.

Thomas "Woody" Meeks, section superintendent at Columbia Gulf Transmission Company's Clementsville compressor station since July 1974, retired.

A 64-ounce size Downy fabric softener was \$1.99 at Food World.

A half-gallon carton of Hy Top orange juice was \$1.99 at

A&D Supermarket.

Obituaries: Otis A. Helm, 72; John Edgar Foster, 69; Ruby Ellen Ellis Reed, 69; Thurman O'Neal Bagby, infant; Charlie Gastineau, 72; Dee Moss (D.M.) Thomas, 63; Jennie Lane Land, 76; Carl H. Lee, 69; Ernest Lee Wheat, 65.

40 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 9, 1975

The death penalty – mandatory for multiple killings, killing a policeman or prison employee while on duty, murder done for hire or profit, death by a bomb, and kidnapping if harm is done – was reinstated in Kentucky if the crime was committed after Jan. 1, 1975.

The marriage of Sally Sweeney and Ronnie Davis was solemnized at the First Christian Church on Dec. 28.

Lewis E. Terry was honored by his employer for a patent for a method of improving glass adherence to gold film.

James G. Weddle announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for Commonwealth's Attorney in the 29th Judicial District.

William "Billy" Short, formerly of Middleburg, returned to be an aide of Gov. Julian Carroll.

"McQ," starring John Wayne, was playing at the Kentuckian Theatre.

Westinghouse light bulbs were eight for \$1 at Dollar Days.

Obituaries: Belle Elmore, 71; Sadie Wheeler, 77; McDella Coffey, 91; Augustus W. Hafley, 67; Earl Cochran, 74; Frank L. Campbell, 46; Ruth W. Goins, 54; Lewis Virgil Crew, 87; Elizabeth Ann Holbrook, 27.

50 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 7, 1965

Two armed and masked men robbed Rev. Jerome Moert, pastor of St. Bernard Catholic Church, at 4:20 a.m. Christmas morning, taking the collection from midnight mass on Christmas Eve.

A picture of Chester Riggs and a catch of bass was

CASEY COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Menu

Wednesday, Dec. 31 — Beef taco, shredded lettuce with tomatoes and peppers, shredded cheese, refried beans, apricots, taco chips and taco sauce, brownie, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 1 — Center closed. Frozen meal — New Orleans style chicken, rice, oca and tomatoes, diced sweet potatoes, roll, margarine, fruit cup, milk.

Friday, Jan. 2 — Center closed. Frozen meal — Meat loaf with tomato sauce, lima

beans, rutabaga, whole wheat bread, margarine, applesauce cup, milk.

Jan. 5-6 — Unavailable.

Activities

Wednesday, Dec. 31 — 8 a.m., Crossword and Coffee; 10 a.m., Game day with Randy (blood pressure check, personal care); 12 p.m. card games, puzzles. Review the past year all day!

Jan. 1-2 — Closed. Happy New Year!

Monday, Jan. 5 — 8 a.m.,

Crossword and Coffee; 10 a.m., fitness walk/exercise; 12 p.m. card games, puzzles.

Tuesday, Jan. 6 — 8 a.m., Crossword and Coffee; 10 a.m., music; 12 p.m., card games, puzzles.

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Night of the Museum: Secret of the Tomb
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12:40 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:50 p.m., 6:55 p.m., 9 p.m.

Jan. 4
The Hobbit
Rated PG
12:30 p.m., 3:20 p.m., 6:10 p.m.

Night at the Museum
Rated PG
11:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:35 p.m.

Jan. 5-8
The Hobbit
Rated PG
12:30 p.m., 3:20 p.m., 6:10 p.m.

Night at the Museum
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Gold Star Mothers

These ladies were recognized as Gold Star Mothers of Casey County in this picture taken in the 1950s. From left are Mrs. Sam Fair, Lucy Murphy, Mrs. Coffman, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. O. Fair, and Alta Miller. A Gold Star mother is one who has lost a child in a war.

Apostolic Lighthouse

Bro. Eric Miller's lesson, "Being Ready For What Is Ahead," was from John 7:6. Bro. Danny Warren's message, "The Wonder of Wonders and King of Kings," was from Matthew 13. Attendance was 33.

Prayer requests: Rick Cooper, Preston Scott, Ashlyne Scott, Beverly Clements, Frances Simpson family, Rita Rodgers, and Janie Rodgers.

Bruces Chapel

Christmas Eve service was a candle lit service with 12 in attendance.

Attendance on Sunday was 47 for Bro. Creech Richardson's message, "Commitment," from Psalm 37:5 and 1 Peter 5:5. Matthew Richardson had a birthday. J.J. led the children's sermon.

Evening attendance was 17. Bro. Gary Vest's message, "Faith," was from Hebrews 11.

Memory verse is Romans 10:13. Wednesday service is at 6:30 p.m.

Brush Creek

Attendance was 52 with 11 in children's church. Myrtle Lynn had a birthday. Wednesday night watch service will be at 7 p.m. with special singing by Heaven Bound.

Prayer requests: Doris Brown, Elsie Shoopman, Wanda King, Frances Buis family, Chris Atwood, Sophia Troxell, Glinda Beal, Freddie Luttrell, and Roger Smith.

Ellisburg

Attendance was 53. The choir had special music. Bro. Bud Stidham brought the message.

For the evening service, Maxine Lane had special music. Bro. Bud Stidham brought the message.

Prayer list: Rosa Mae Crowe, Jimmie Reed, Faye Crowe, Danny Ison, Rick Cooper, Edwin Hasty, Megan New, Norma Warner, Madelyn Lynn, Hazel Henson, Rachel Rice, Gena Hungate, Sue Barker, and Bill Thompson family.

There will be no evening service Wednesday night.

Goose Creek

Attendance was 16 for Sunday school, 18 for worship, and 18 Sunday night.

Jamie and Julia Pullen celebrated birthdays.

Bro. Paul Pullen's Sunday school lesson was from I Corinthians 2:1-16, "Spiritual Wisdom."

Bro. Billy Hewitt's message, "Caught Up In The Routine Of Church," was from Proverbs 16:1-25.

Prayer requests: Ritchie Rodgers, Sondra Salyers, Tiffany Murphy, P.J. Sherrel, Vicky Byrd, Mary Rodgers, Luey Luttrell, Bo and Leslie Brown, Billy and Brandy Hewitt, Tassie and Tara Pendleton, Donna Pendleton, Noel and Judy Morris, Edward and Tahlon Warner, Lacie and Jade Brown, Cory Hewitt, Anthony Peyton, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Anthony Peyton III, Chris Estes, Michael, Nora and Jett Rodgers, Donnie and Imogene Hiter, Thomas and Sue Salisbury, Geraldine Asberry, Johnny and Misty Asberry, Darrell Meeks, Merilene Coffman, Bradley Emerson, and Judy Garner.

Grove Ridge

Watch night service is Wednesday at 8 p.m. Robie Prater and Jared Watts celebrated birthdays.

Prayer requests: Gene Spears, Kellie Hatter, Dereck and Claire Falconbury, Zack Summers, Grandma Hogue, Ronald Allen, Dexter and Bonnie Dick, Fred Greene, Alma Lou Sayers, Bill Meece, Robie and Betty Prater, Murrell and Reba Phillippe, Butch and Betsy Godbey, David and Aman-

da Bentley, Johnathan and Amber Prater, Bill Powers, Ashley Powers, Nora McKinney, Bryan and Kathy Carman's grandbaby, Marlee Kate Allen.

Jennies Chapel

Attendance was 33. Pastor Wayne Cole's message, "The Potter and the Clay," was from Jeremiah 18.

Wednesday youth group and adult Bible study is at 6:30 p.m. from I Kings 14.

Latter Day Saints

Attendance was 60. Jerry Long conducted the service. Invocation was by Dallas Allen. Sacrament was administered by Jessiah Burgess, Dustin Carroll, Andrew Mercer-Long, Nathan Howard, and Julian Clifton. Speakers included Robert Russell and Mary Russell, who were baptized on Saturday and spoke about their conversion experience; Jessiah Burgess, "The Road to Emmaus;" Justin Swick, "Making Hard Choices;" and Raymond Burgess, "Maintaining Our Faith."

Benediction was by Terrill Ware. Sunday school lesson, "Preparing for the Second Coming of the Savior."

Middleburg

Bro. Keith read Exodus 14:10-14 for his message, "Be Still and Know." Men's choir had special music. Evening service was cancelled for visitation for Bill Thompson.

On Wednesday evening, we will meet at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church for a special service. The ladies' Christmas party is Friday night in the fellowship hall.

Prayer list: Jean Atwood, Junior Bell, Iva Hatter, Natalie Luttrell, Barry and Junior Murphy, Sharon Rodgers, and the families of Billy Carman, Randy Hatfield, and Bill Thompson.

Mt. Calvary Baptist

Attendance for Sunday school was 21 with 60 for worship. Bro. Ronnie's message, "What Are You Giving Jesus?" was from Matthew 2:1-12, 1 Peter 5:7, Malachi 3:6-10, Romans 12:1-2, 10:9-10, II Corinthians 5:9 and Psalms 51:17. Shelly Haste conducted the children's service. Celebrating birthdays were Alyssa Jones, Chester Foley and Katie and Kylee Sheene. Special singing was by Bro. Ronnie and Kelsey.

Evening attendance was 29 with Bro. Ronnie's message, "Growth in the Old Year and New Year." Special singing was by Bro. Ronnie.

Wednesday at 7 p.m. Bro. Isaiah Super will bring a message with Chad Godby as special singer.

Prayer requests: Bill Thompson family, Josh and John Foley, David Noe, Amber Moore, Astera Readnour, Christian Ber-

dine, Charlotte Carman, Sue Clements, Greg Godbey, P.D. Lanham, Brandy Carman, Kelly Shepard's mom, Roseann Lee, and Bryn Powell.

Mt. Olive

Attendance was 68 for Sunday school. The lesson, "Worship God's Son," was from Mark 9:15-24. Worship service had 125. The message, "Ideas For the New Year," was from Psalm 121.

Birthdays were Neal Weddle, Eric Salyers, Kate Wilson, and Ryan Hebert.

There were 22 for the evening service. The message, "In the Service of the King," was from Daniel 1:1-7.

Bible study will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday studying Nehemiah 12-13. At 8 p.m. we will have a New Year's celebration in the fellowship hall.

Sunday at 11 a.m., Jeff Bates will be special guest, sharing his testimony and singing during the worship service.

Prayer requests: Mildred Durham, Alice Murphy, Lunett Powell, Donnie Floyd, and families of Bill Thompson, Melinda Baker, and Billy Carman.

Mt. Pleasant

The devotional, Mark 9:15-24, was read by Bro. Larry. Oldest present was Mae Bell and youngest was Jake Bowling. Special music was by Gary Bell, Karey Sellers, Dennis Rhinehart and Randal Davis. Bro. Terry's message was from John 4:29-42.

Prayer list: Howard Bell, Roger Grant, Shirley Helm, Easton Squires, Rick Cooper, Beverly Clements, Evie Lee, Sarah Lynn, Adrian Davis, Zeb McKinley, Kevin Bryant, Jessica Bryant, Inez Davis, Michalia Frye, Anita Goode, Allie Raye Goode, Randy Neakok, Paula Clements, Angie Kearney, Justin Kearney, Hannah Kearney, Katie Cook, Jaxon Bryant, Kathy Goodin, Norma Hatter, Jeannie Atwood, Holly Hayes, Don and Shirley Land, Rester Higginbotham, Sharlet Chaney, Becky Ray, Dorothy Evans, Anthony Wethington, Zach Summers, Barry Murphy, Jamie Bryant, Brayden Taylor, Darrell Meeks, and families of Howard Wethington, Bill Thompson and Otis Clements.

Poplar Springs

Attendance was 31 for Sunday school and 44 for worship. Bro. David L. Johnson's devotional was from Galatians 6:6-10. Bro. Johnny Maupin's children's sermon was about thanking God for our blessings in 2014. Special music was by the choir and Marvetta Russell. Bro. Johnny's message, "Herod," was from Matthew 2:1-19.

Business meeting will be Jan. 4 after night service. AWANA will resume Jan. 7 at 6:45 p.m.

Prayer requests: Rick Cooper, Butch Godbey, Kenny Clements, Larry Yaden's son, Josh Foley,

Kathy Mathews, Jr. Murphy, Rodney Hundley, Brandy Carman, Faye and Lester Larkins, Gwen Russell's mom, Tracy Johnson's mom, Shirley Dalton's mom, and Bill Thompson family.

Rich Hill

Bro. Lynville's Thursday night's message came from St. John 1:1-14. Tara Buis sang a special song.

The devotional read by Tim Buis came from I John 5:1-10. Bible study was from 2 Corinthians 8:7-15. Bro. Lynville's evening message came from Acts 2:36-47.

Prayer requests: Bobby Hatter, Gerald Spears, Alex Colvin, Kenzie Gentry, Butch Godbey, Tyler Buis, Tim and Tara Buis, Jeff and Stephanie Buis, Lilburn Wilhelm, Chuck Hampton, Mike Barber, Ashley Elmore, Travis Buis, Brandon Greene, Wanda Wilham, Doris Noel, Doris Edens, Wayne and Janet Wilson, Wes Page, Boone McQueary, Charlie Buis, Butch Godbey, Jannis Phelps, Audrey Hurt, Susan Weddle, Missy Price, Sue Buis, Jean Burton, Violet Buis, Linda Buis, Betty Douglas, Shirley Bain, Caitlynn Murphy, Rachel Vaught, Zach Vaught, Brooklynn Vaught, and Harper Vaught.

Rocky Ford

Rev. Matt's sermon was from John 10:1-5, "Christ, Our Good Shepherd."

Prayer concerns: Bill Thompson family, Rick Cooper, Charley Browning, Paul Hale, George Reed, Bobby Wilcher, Rudell Johnson, Judy Price, Rodney Hundley, Imojean Davis family, Boyd Brown, Glenna Bryant, Paul Wilson, Ben and Gracie Beeler, Alice Wilson, Ashley White, and Kaye Dause.

Sacred Heart

Attendance for Christmas Eve vigil mass was 77. Homily theme/reflection was "Christ Is Born," from Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, and Matthew 1:1-25. Christmas Day mass scripture was Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98:1-6; Hebrew 1:1-6, and John 1:1-18.

Attendance for Sunday mass was 51. Homily theme/reflection was "The Family: Gift and Blessing," from Sirach 3:2-6, 2-14, Psalms 128:1-5, Colossians 3:12-21, and Luke 2:22-40.

The New Year is the Year of Grace 2015. Jan. 1 is Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. New Year's Eve vigil mass at 8 p.m. will be preceded by hymns/carols at 6:30 p.m. Scripture reading will be Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 67:2-6, 8, Galatians 4:4-7 and Luke 2:16-21, 34. New Day mass will be at 9 p.m.

Jan. 4 is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, the traditional time for the blessing of homes. Scripture readings will be Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, Ephesians

3:2-3A, 5-6, and Matthew 2:1-12.

Retreat for the Inauguration of the Year of Grace will be Jan. 10 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Traditional annual lenten retreat will be Feb. 28 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Bernard.

St. Bernard

Attendance for Christmas midnight mass was 143. Homily theme/reflection was "Christ Is Born," from Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, and Matthew 1:1-25. Christmas Day mass scripture was Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98:1-6; Hebrew 1:1-6, and John 1:1-18.

Attendance for Sunday mass was 51. Homily theme/reflection was "The Family: Gift and Blessing," from Sirach 3:2-6, 2-14, Psalms 128:1-5, Colossians 3:12-21, and Luke 2:22-40.

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Thomas Ridge

Bro. Hershel's message was from Luke 2:30-35, "Have You Seen Jesus?" The service included the dedication of Mason Smallwood, son of Jamie and Sasha Smallwood.

Prayer concerns: Rick Cooper, Arthur Singleton, Arnold Holtzclaw, Mark Wilson, Amy and Darrell Meeks, Rick Hogue, Danny Wilkerson, Edith Fox, Will Gleeman, Mason Smallwood, Betty Bernard, Jay Meeks, Linda Miller, Butch Godbey, Nan Porter, Mary Ann Blair, Mary Roy, Louie Luttrell, Mattie Reed, Lindy Roy, and Bruce Luttrell.

Valley Oak

Attendance was 41 for Sunday school and 58 for worship. Loueva Clark read Colossians 1:15-18 for devotional. Special singing was by the beginning class.

Douglas and Clara Gorton, Michelle Thomas,

Linda Cravens and Arthur Wesley celebrated birthdays.

Celebrating anniversaries were Kenny and Debbie Wesley, 41 years; Gene and Melline Hodge, 59 years; Jay and Marilyn Wesley, 46 years; and John and Louise Hines, 24 years.

Prayer requests: Jeff Simpson, Ethan Lawless, Gene Shadoan, Larry and Bonnie Wesley, Linda Singleton, Butch Godbey, Tommy Watson, Delois Brown, Mary Jo Owens, Bill Thompson family, Brandon Carman, Glenis Foster, Joe Henderson, Marvin and Susan Godbey, Deva Mullins, Douglas Gorton, Boyd Roy family, Arthur and Wilma Wesley, Joyce Wilham, J.T. Murphy, Danny Joe Spears, Edna Maddox, Mary Lou Carman, Rick Cooper, Alma Lou and Paul Sayers, Beverly Phelps, Reggie Tipton, Karen Atwood, Ronald Lawless, Charlie Ritter, and Gene Clark.

Walnut Hill

Attendance was 90 with 12 in the youth choir. Bro. Rodney Smith's message, "You Should Declare Jesus," was from Acts 8:26-40.

His evening message, "Stand on the Word of God," was from Hebrews 13:8-20 and Samuel 15:23.

Wednesday night service starts at 8 p.m. with the Stilts Family.

Prayer requests: Jakie Carmicle, Larry Halcomb, Hunter Baldock, William Thompson family, Rick Cooper, Janet Phelps, Eloise Smith, Fern and Edwin Murphy, Emily Enix, Edward Rayborn, Jamie Bryant, Bobby Lee McFarland, Darby Rayborn, Boyd Roy family, Walker Coffman, Shelly Wesley, Anna Patterson, Kenneth and Margaret King, Kristen Weddle, Vicki Cowan, Gary Burton, Alma Vida and R.C. Weddle, Alma Lou Sayers, Everett Wells, Paul Wilson, Betty Bernard, Lavon Murphy, Rachel Mason, Rhonda Burton, Boyd Cochran, Dara Burton, Vanessa Woodrum, George Reed, and Dennis Baldock.

Watson Chapel

Attendance was nine for Sunday school and 20 for worship. Devotional reading was from Matthew 15:21-31. Bro. Sherman Floyd's message, "A New Start in Life," was from Luke 19:1-10.

Celebrating birthdays were Larry Haggard and Wilma Hatter.

Prayer list: Wanda Hines, Pearl Short, Madison Malone, Marie Drostie, Alma Lou Sayers, J.T. Murphy, June Hodge, Ruth Ann Atwood, Beverly Clements, Greg Godbey, Wilma Hatter, Louie Luttrell, and families of Bill Thompson and Boyd Roy.

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Prevailing wage

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And the problem with that is a company that only gets one or two state jobs a year, an employee likes the higher wage and thus wants more pay for non-prevailing wage jobs.

"They complain 'that job paid this much money, how comes the rest don't?'" Thompson said, adding that his steel workers range from \$12 an hour to \$20 an hour, with most falling in the \$16-\$18 category.

Thompson said he would be more pleased if the state would meet contractors somewhere in the middle.

"If they would just set a medium rate at \$25 an hour, look how many more projects they could do in a year's time based on the money they're saving. And \$25 an hour in Casey or Russell County is good money," he said.

Jim Waters, President of the Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy, pointed to a 2012 study concerning construction projects at the University of Kentucky.

With UK investing \$500

million in new construction for student housing, and with this construction subject to prevailing wage laws which drive up construction costs by 17 percent, that translates into \$85 million that UK students will pay in increased tuition to fund these projects, the study noted.

And it's just not that one project.

"Considering we spend \$125 million a year on prevailing wages, it's a totally unnecessary cost. Suspending that for just four years would have allowed us to build all the schools we needed to build and repair all the schools that were crumbling without increasing taxes or crowding out funding for any other services," Waters said.

"It's a bad investment with not a very good return. It's time for Frankfort to change this," he said.

Harmon said that while a prevailing wage bill may be introduced in the 2015 session of the General Assembly which begins Jan. 6, it probably won't "gain much traction."

Sweeney

■ Continued from front

Though not as large as a sewer plant upgrade, Sweeney said that the city has sidewalks that need to be updated and others to be completed, such as from Trammel Street north to U.S. 127.

Funds for these projects could come from the 3-percent restaurant tax as well as in having to increase residents' sewer rates.

"It's going to require a significant increase in sewer rates but even with that, we're not going to have excessive sewer rates," he said.

Lessons learned

Over the course of 16 years, Sweeney said that he's been astounded at how nice people were to him as he led the city, even when he was campaigning, something he said he dreaded.

"There were two neighbors, side-by-side and I was campaigning and knocked on a screen door at a house around the hospital. The man was standing there putting on his pants. 'Oh, you caught me with my pants down, Steve. Don't worry about it, we're voting for you,'" Sweeney, laughing, said the man told him.

The other neighbor, who asked him if he was a Democrat or Republican, pressed him further when he responded that the mayor's race was non-partisan and party affiliation didn't matter.

"It matters to me," she said. When Sweeney told her he was a Democrat, the elderly woman told him that was good because she had never voted for a Republican in her life.

Additionally, the 64-year-old mayor said that he learned

that other politicians, such as congressmen, senators, and governors were just plain people who put their pants on one leg at a time, noting that he had a good relationship with former Republican Gov. Ernie Fletcher as well as current Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear.

Sweeney also said that he appreciated the way that he and County Judge Executive Ronald Wright worked together on many projects, most notably the new college.

"I'm going to miss working with my friend Ronald Wright. We got along so well and were able to do many things together."

Not all roses

Sweeney's major disappointment while in office, he said, had to do with the council's recent rejection of his proposal to raise the minimum wage in the city from \$7.25 to \$8 an hour.

Not only did the council reject his proposed ordinance, it failed for lack of a motion.

"I thought we'd have one or two councilmen who'd go along with it. I didn't think it would pass but you think about the working people of our country, people willing to work, not looking for a hand-out, they deserve a modest increase at best, a living wage," he said. "Our city should be

willing to step up and do the right thing to ensure that people have a modest increase in the minimum wage."

Another project that Sweeney wanted to accomplish but didn't realize was the burying of utilities in the downtown area.

Still, Sweeney said that he had a good time as mayor and will be available to help Steven Brown, the incoming mayor, any way that he can.

As for what he'll do in retirement, Sweeney said that he doesn't have any concrete plans but does want to enjoy some outdoor activities such as cutting wood.

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Dial honored for career with LPD

Liberty Police Chief Steven Garrett recently presented former LPD Sgt. Randy Dial with a memento honoring Dial's seven-year career with the department. Dial begins serving as Casey County Judge-Executive on Jan. 5.



STREET BEAT

Taken from the Casey County E911 records, Street Beat represents a history of the initial calls and the information used by the dispatcher to send officers to investigate complaints. It is not an indication of what the officers found upon arrival at the scene or how police may have dealt with the complaint.

Dec. 15

10:04 a.m., livestock in roadway on Walnut Hill.
11:58 a.m., escort at 752 Campbellsville St.
12:52 p.m., injury accident on Short Town Rd.
1:31 p.m., officer out of car on Ky. 1547.
3:13 p.m., officer out of car at Bluegrass Clinic.
3:54 p.m., lock out at 100 Liberty Square.
4:37 p.m., request officer at 112 Liberty Square.
5:44 p.m., request officer at 417 Fair St.
6:25 p.m., traffic stop at Kathy's Flowers.
8:41 p.m., pick up prisoners at Russell Co.
10:45 p.m., serving warrant on Trammel St.
11:47 p.m., officer out of car at Gateway Park.

Dec. 16

8:25 a.m., juvenile pick up in Adair Co.
9:30 a.m., lock out at food stamp office.
10:49 a.m., lock out on Hustonville St.
11:46 a.m., pick up prisoners at Adair Co.
3:08 p.m., lock out on Dillon St.
4:40 p.m., fight on S. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
5:07 p.m., reckless driver on N.U.S. 127.
7:08 p.m., welfare check at 9264 E. Ky. 70.
7:23 p.m., child abuse at 150 Liberty Square.
9:06 p.m., breaking and entering at 2409 Upper Brush Creek.
9:49 p.m., pick up prisoners at Boyle Co.

Dec. 17

12:21 a.m., officer out of car at Gateway Park.
1:12 a.m., noise complaint at 100 Napier St.
4:46 a.m., shots fired on Ky. 49.
6:25 a.m., reckless driver on S. U.S. 127.
6:53 a.m., alarm drop at 176 Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
8:54 a.m., officer out of car at Broughton Hill Apts.
9:37 a.m., officer out of car on Ky. 49.
9:46 a.m., breaking and entering at 10030 Ky. 1547.

3:01 p.m., injury accident on N. U.S. 127.
3:42 p.m., serving warrant on Memory Dr.
4:12 p.m., EPO served on E. Ky. 70.
4:13 p.m., theft at Trading Post.
4:15 p.m., livestock in roadway on W. Ky. 70.
4:24 p.m., officer out of car on N. Hatfield Rd.
4:57 p.m., fight on Ky. 80.
6:04 p.m., request officer at 6222 E. Ky. 70.

Dec. 18

8:51 a.m., theft at Save a Lot.
10:50 a.m., officer out of car on Fishing Creek Rd.
12:26 p.m., suspicious person on Whipp Ave.
12:49 p.m., escort on Leonard Wilkinson Way.
12:58 p.m., domestic in progress on Campbellsville St.
1:57 p.m., escort at 752 Campbellsville St.
3:43 p.m., mailbox complaint on Ky. 910.
5:28 p.m., disturbance at 114 Creston Watertower Rd.
6:08 p.m., injury accident on Ky. 910.
9:25 p.m., motorist assist on Connector Bridge.
9:53 p.m., request officer on Ky. 49.

Dec. 19

12:11 a.m., alarm drop at 176 Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
12:26 a.m., request officer at 529 Riverview Dr.
1:09 a.m., request officer at 5791 Ky. 49.
12:40 p.m., lock out at 1143 Hustonville St.
3:04 p.m., vandalism at 7639 E. Ky. 70.
6:09 p.m., request officer at 491 Walter Huff Rd.
6:41 p.m., request officer at 11079 W. Ky. 70.

Dec. 20

6:15 a.m., animal complaint at 4145 Maxey Valley Rd.
8:57 a.m., stolen vehicle at Liberty Motors.
11:38 a.m., alarm drop at 176 N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
12:54 p.m., request officer at 529 Riverview Dr.
1:22 p.m., remove from 491 Walter Huff Rd.
2:52 p.m., lock out at laundromat.
4:39 p.m., non-injury accident at Family Dollar.
5:54 p.m., request officer

at Amos Woodrum Rd.
9:03 p.m., request officer at 671 Wolford Ave.
10:45 p.m., request officer at 4145 Maxey Valley Rd.

Dec. 21

7:36 a.m., traffic stop on S. U.S. 127.
10:59 a.m., suspicious person at A&D Mkt.
11:24 a.m., reckless driver on N. U.S. 127.
12:39 p.m., lock out at 100 Liberty Square.
4:37 p.m., extra patrol on Woodrum Ridge Rd.
6:41 p.m., domestic in progress at 201 Creston Watertower Rd.
10:18 p.m., noise complaint at Liberty Manor.
11:07 p.m., officer out of car at Gateway Park.

Dec. 22

8:16 a.m., officer out of car at Broughton Hills.
9:46 a.m., non-injury accident at 735 N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
10:56 a.m., stolen vehicle at 4125 Indian Creek Rd.
11 a.m., abandoned vehicle on Beldon Ave.
11:10 a.m., prisoner in custody on Poplar Hill Rd.
12:41 p.m., officer out of car at Riverview Dr.
1:22 p.m., officer out of car at 368 Whipp Ave.
1:32 p.m., officer out of car on Hustonville St.
1:50 p.m., inspection on Peyton Ridge Rd.
1:53 p.m., officer out of car at car wash.
2:26 p.m., DUI/alcohol at Family Dollar.
2:27 p.m., shoplifter at 224 N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
2:57 p.m., officer out of car on Combs Rd.
3:04 p.m., officer out of car on W. Ky. 70.
3:53 p.m., lock out at 120 Liberty Square.
5:50 p.m., stolen vehicle at 199 Wall St.
6:29 p.m., injury accident on Shugars Hill Rd.
7:23 p.m., shoplifter at Rite Aid.
7:27 p.m., threat at 2891 Chestnut Level Rd.
7:37 p.m., lock out at 735 N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
8:40 p.m., domestic at 491 Walter Huff Rd.
11:47 p.m., abandoned vehicle at Dr. Price's office.

Dec. 23

12:55 a.m., drugs at 330 Amos Woodrum Rd.
6:32 a.m., injury accident on Ky. 49.
8:22 a.m., injury accident on W. Ky. 70.

12:31 p.m., non-injury accident on Contown Rd.
1:40 p.m., officer out of car at Broughton Hills.
2:37 p.m., officer out of car on Ky. 1859.
3:17 p.m., officer out of car on Ky. 49.
3:35 p.m., request officer at 809 Pee Dee Creek Rd.
4:47 p.m., domestic at Riverview Estates.
5:27 p.m., injury accident on N. U.S. 127.
7:23 p.m., request officer at 54 Raney Rd.
8:24 p.m., fight at 47 Westwood Dr.
9:21 p.m., suspicious person at E. Ky. 70.

Dec. 24

12:11 a.m., traffic stop on Jockey St.
12:53 a.m., traffic stop on N. U.S. 127.
2:17 a.m., request officer at 557 Davidson Rd.
10:59 a.m., escort at 752 Campbellsville St.
12:20 p.m., non-injury accident on Ky. 910.
12:26 p.m., lock out at 109 Phillips St.
2:12 p.m., suspicious person at 5527 South Fork Ridge Rd.
2:28 p.m., pick up prisoners at Russell Co.
6:03 p.m., traffic stop on N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
6:08 p.m., fight at 10225 Ky. 49.
7:44 p.m., reckless driver on Ky. 49.
9:32 p.m., request officer at 352 Popplewell St.

Dec. 25

8:03 a.m., traffic stop on N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
11:27 p.m., 4 wheeler on Merritt Ridge Rd.
3:17 p.m., remove from 2752 Snake Ridge Rd.
3:48 p.m., lock out at 225 Phillips St.
8:31 p.m., non-injury accident on Poplar Springs Rd.
8:36 p.m., suspicious vehicle on Walnut Hill Rd.
10:28 p.m., request officer at 71 Maple Ave.

Dec. 26

3:05 a.m., shots fired on Reynolds Creek Rd.
7:37 a.m., alarm drop at 397 N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
8:13 a.m., non-injury accident at 9861 S. U.S. 127.
10:14 a.m., alarm drop at 6283 S. U.S. 127.
12:42 p.m., traffic stop on Red Hill Rd.
1:25 p.m., officer out of car on W. Ky. 70.
2 p.m., officer out of car at 2706 Snake Ridge Rd.

3:48 p.m., mental transport at 187 Wolford Ave.
9 p.m., suspicious person on Ky. 49.
9:38 p.m., harassment at 680 N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.

Dec. 27

12:56 a.m., shots fired on Calvary Ridge Rd.
10 a.m., welfare check at 3139 Ky. 49.
11:06 a.m., request officer at 1688 Schoolhouse Rd.
11:10 a.m., escort at 142 Ky. 49.
12:01 p.m., livestock in roadway at 805 E. Ky. 70.
12:02 p.m., non-injury accident at 611 N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
12:56 p.m., livestock in roadway at CCHS.
1:17 p.m., domestic in progress on Hustonville St.
3:49 p.m., vandalism at 483 N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
5:48 p.m., lock out at A&D Mkt.
7:44 p.m., serve papers at 1139 Hustonville St.

10:22 p.m., welfare check at 368 Whipp Ave.
10:29 p.m., request officer at 6464 N. Ky. 837.

Dec. 28

2:49 a.m., traffic stop at Gateway Park.
10:35 a.m., harassment on Grant Rd.
10:46 a.m., lock out at 130 N. Wallace Wilkinson Blvd.
1:46 p.m., noise complaint on Taylor St.
3:28 p.m., 4 wheeler on Ellison Rd.
3:54 p.m., breaking and entering at 240 Leslie Combs Rd.
4:18 p.m., drugs at 71 Maple Ave.
5:14 p.m., missing person on Ky. 49.
7:52 p.m., injury accident at 7091 Ky. 49.
10:05 p.m., request officer on Conner Ave.
10:51 p.m., traffic stop on Trammel St.
11:26 p.m., DUI/alcohol on Bowman Trail.

POLICE NEWS

Assaulting officer

Michael L. Franklin, 45, of 2891 Chestnut Level Road, Liberty, was arrested on Dec. 22 at 2109 Chestnut Level Road by Trooper Kevin Roberts and Deputy Jordan Buis and charged with third-degree assault of a police officer or probation officer, resisting arrest, and menacing. Court records state that Franklin had called E-911 and threatened to burn his residence while inside the house. Buis states that Franklin was sitting at a table with candles burning in front of him and a propane tank beside him. After being arrested and handcuffed, Franklin spit on Roberts' leg, court records state.

Disorderly conduct

Jackie R. Gosser, 48, of 116 Brock Drive, Stanford, was arrested on Dec. 22 at Family Dollar in Liberty by Officer Richie Francioni and charged with disorderly conduct, alcohol intoxication in a public place, resisting arrest, and menacing. Court documents state that Gosser was reportedly acting "intoxicated and violent" in jumping on vehicles, yelling, cursing, and being aggressive. Gosser approached Francioni with his fists clenched and told him he was going to fight the officer. He also resisted arrest at the scene and at the Casey County Detention Center, where he had to be restrained in a chair, the citation states.

Shoplifting

Emma Maye Bailey, 26, of 4186 Jonathan Fork, Liberty, was arrested on Dec. 22 at Rite-Aid by Officer Richie Francioni and charged with theft by unlawful taking, shoplifting. Court documents show that Bailey had several items of store merchandise in her purse. Francioni states that he found \$200 worth of items in her purse and hidden on her person, with Bailey having removed the packaging for the items.

Rebels 2-2 in Traditional Bank Classic tournament

By Larry Rowell
Editor

Coming off a tournament win in Gatlinburg, Tenn. the weekend of Dec. 19, the Rebels got little respite from the rigors of tournament play when they competed in the Traditional Bank Holiday Classic at Lexington Catholic High School the day after Christmas.

Campbell

Opening against Campbell High School from New Hampshire, the Rebels made easy work of this first match-up, winning 62-37.

According to Coach Maze Stallworth, Collin Miller led the team with 13 points, while Jordan Brown put up 12, DJ White had 11, Jake Smith 9, Breece Hayes and Tanner Davis each scored 4. Micco Randall, Isaiah Spears, and Dustin Richards each had 2. Caleb Hasselton scored 3 points.

Smith and Randall had 5 steals while Brown had 4 and Miller 3.

Davis had 2 blocks while White had 1.



Collin Miller goes in for a layup in Monday night's 64-43 loss to Apollo High in the Traditional Bank Classic tournament.

As a team, the Rebels were 25-62 from the floor, for 40.3 percent.

From the three point

line, they shot almost 37 percent.

However, in the second half, the Rebels went cold

in shooting threes, making only three of 11, or 27.3 percent.

Free throw shooting im-

proved, going 5-8, or 62.5 percent.

North Laurel

On Dec. 27, North Laurel proved to be a more aggressive opponent for the Rebels, but Casey managed to pull out a win, 74-60.

Smith had 20 points, Miller, 16; Hayes, 14; White, 13; Brown, 5; Davis, 4; and Carman, 2.

No other stats from Stallworth were available.

Lexington Catholic

The Rebels dropped their first game in the tournament on Dec. 28 to Lexington Catholic, 67-53.

Miller led all Casey scorers for the second time in the tournament, going 5-13 in field goals, 3 for 5 from three point range, and perfect from the charity stripe, 2-2, for a total of 15 points.

Hayes and Smith each scored 10, with Hayes making 6 of 8 free throws while Smith was 0-3 from three point land, according to stats provided by Stallworth.

White had 8 points, Davis, 4; Noah Wesley and Brown each scored 3. White was 6 of 9 from the free throw line.

White had two assists along with Jonathan Gillock, who had 1.

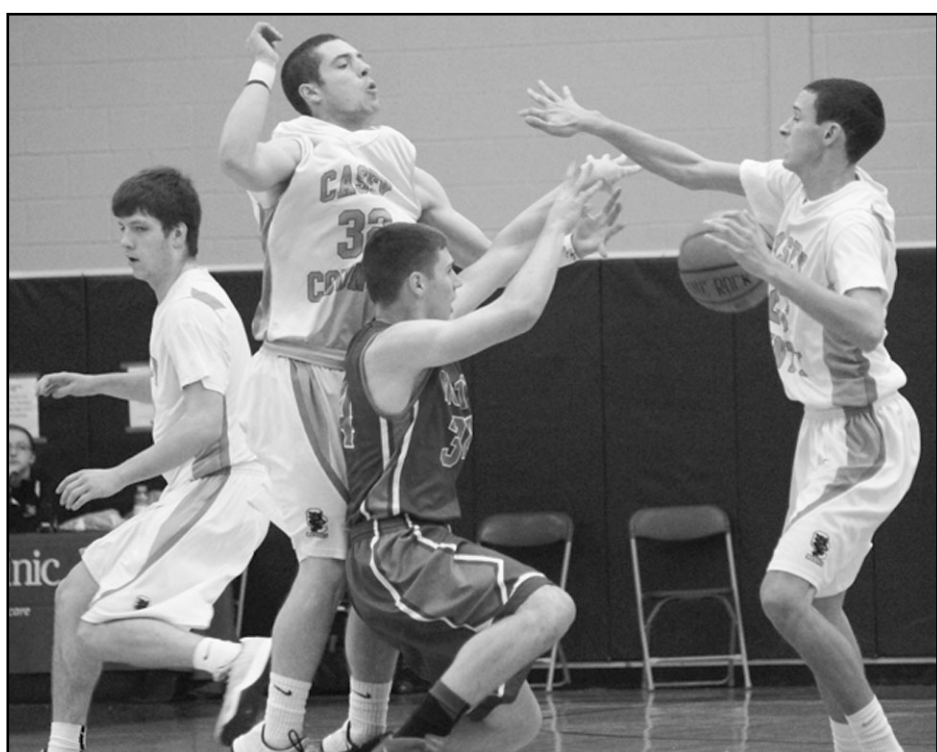
As a team, the Rebels shot 35.6 percent and 30.8 percent from outside the arc. Free throw shooting improved to almost 74 percent.

Apollo

Apollo from Louisville proved to be the Rebels' toughest challenge of the tournament on Monday with Casey losing the contest 64-43. No stats were available from Stallworth.

The Rebels, 7-8 on the season, played Lexington Christian Academy yesterday. See next week's edition for the score.

Upcoming games include Rockcastle at home on Jan. 2; Warren Central at Taylor County on Jan. 3 in the Clem Haskins Classic; Somerset at home on Jan. 9; and Danville on the road on Jan. 10.

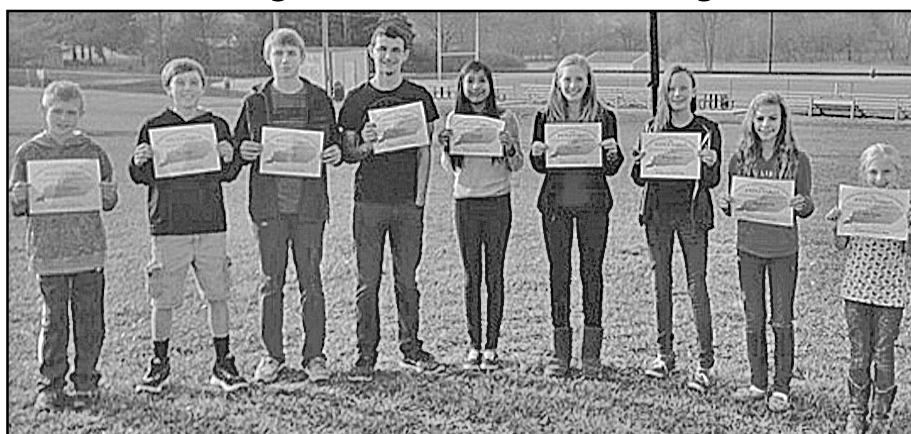


ABOVE, Jordan Brown looks to move the ball in the game against North Laurel. Brown had 5 points and 3 rebounds. Teammates Collin Miller and Breece Hayes had 16 and 14 points, respectively. RIGHT, D.J. White moves to the basket to score two of his 11 points in the game against Lexington Catholic.



Jake Smith takes the ball to the basket during the Rebels' game on Dec. 28 with Lexington Catholic. Smith scored 10 points, had one assist and two turnovers.

Middle, high school XC athletes recognized



ABOVE, The All-Area 8 Cross Country teams for the 2014 season were selected based on votes from Area 8 coaches. From left are Mitchell Duggins, Alex Wilham, and Nate Goode, each Elementary 2nd Team; Noah Brown, Varsity Boys 2nd Team; Laura Cuin, Middle School Girls 2nd Team; Jenna Vaughn, Middle School Girls 1st Team; Breanna Davison, Middle School Girls 2nd Team; Whitney Clements, Middle School Girls 1st Team; and Abby Vaughn, Elementary 2nd Team. LEFT, Casey County Middle School state cross country medalists were Jenna Vaughn, 42nd in Middle School Girls; Abby Vaughn, 34th in 4th and under girls; and Whitney Clements, 44th in middle school girls. photos/SUBMITTED

Breakfast, lunch menus for Casey schools

Elementary & Middle Breakfast

Wednesday, Dec. 31 — No school.
Thursday, Jan. 1 — No school.
Friday, Jan. 2 — No school.
Monday, Jan. 5 — No school.
Tuesday, Jan. 6 — Egg biscuit or cereal, toast and jelly, fruit or juice.
Choice of milk daily.
Daily Grab-N-Go — Mini muffins.

Lunch

Wednesday, Dec. 31 — No school.
Thursday, Jan. 1 — No school.
Friday, Jan. 2 — No school.
Monday, Jan. 5 — No school.
Tuesday, Jan. 6 — Chicken nuggets or Salisbury steak with gravy, roll, steamed broccoli, mashed potatoes, pineapple tidbits, strawberry cup.

High School Breakfast

Wednesday, Dec. 31 — No school.
Thursday, Jan. 1 — No school.
Friday, Jan. 2 — No school.
Monday, Jan. 5 — No school.
Tuesday, Jan. 6 — Breakfast pizza or parfait with cereal, choice of fruit.
Choice of milk daily.

Lunch

Wednesday, Dec. 31 — No school.
Thursday, Jan. 1 — No school.
Friday, Jan. 2 — No school.
Monday, Jan. 5 — No school.
Tuesday, Jan. 6 — Barbecue pork patty or burger on bun, baked sweet potato or baked potato, steamed broccoli, pickles/tomatoes, apple/orange.
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Casey County ASAP lays out five-year DFC grant goals

By Abigail Whitehouse
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The Casey County Kentucky Agency for Substance Abuse Policy (ASAP) has many ideas about how to use the newly received funds from a Drug-Free Communities grant, ideas that are intended to increase collaboration with community members and further educate them on substance abuse policy.

The air was jovial as members gathered in the Pork Producer's building at the Central Kentucky AG/EXPO Center on Dec. 18 for a membership appreciation luncheon.

Newly appointed Drug-Free Communities grant program coordinator, Cathy Williams, thanked members for their time and dedication and reminded them how important their presence at the meetings is, especially now that it is part of the federal funding match.

Liberty Mayor Steve Sweeney also spoke to members about the importance of the work Casey County ASAP does in the community.

"ASAP is a great organization and has potential to do some wonderful things," Sweeney said, "and now with the DFC Grant, there is all kinds of potential out there to do some positive things regarding substance abuse policy."

Sweeney addressed the issue of the Liberty City Council's recent repeal of the city-wide smoking ban.

"We'll just keep moving on. Hopefully things will begin to progress rather than regress," he said. "We've been in the dark ages for many years and we're on the edge now and we kind of stepped back into them last night a bit, but you know, you take the good with the bad. Hopefully things will move in a progressive way."

The mayor urged members to work with the newly elected members of both the Casey County Fiscal Court and the Liberty City Council to influence them to try and do progressive things for substance abuse prevention.

"You all have done really positive things in our community and we hope that you new folks who may come on board and be a part of this

effort will feel at home with us," he said. "If we work as a community and collaborate and demonstrate what we really think about substance abuse prevention I think some big changes can occur. And I hope they do soon."

Long-term outcomes

"If we reach our goals in five years, then we'll set the bar a little higher," Williams told members at the luncheon.

Several of the goals are outlined in the DFC grant's 12-Month Coalition Action Plan, which includes increasing community collaboration by "providing information, support, and enhance skills of the Casey County KY ASAP Board and the community for the purpose of increasing collaborative efforts to address youth substance use," the plan stated.

By fall 2015, Casey ASAP also aims to increase membership by 10 percent, by conducting a membership drive to, "provide diversity in sector representation and include



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Casey County KY-ASAP held a membership appreciation luncheon at the Central Kentucky AG/EXPO Center on Dec. 18. Grant Program Coordinator and Prevention Specialist Cathy Williams reviewed activities and plans of implementation.

key community leaders," the plan stated.

The second goal in the 12-month plan is to reduce youth substance use by implementing several different strategies.

One strategy highlighted states, "Provide printed informational materials to adults

(21 + years old) which state the law/consequences of providing alcohol to underage youth including, "I won't be the one (to serve alcohol to youth)" media campaigns."

This example of future media campaigns is directed toward the parents in Casey County. Williams described a new poster that business owners, parents, and schools can put on their walls. The poster says, "I won't be the one to serve alcohol to youth."

"This is a message that we're going to play up more and put out in our community," Williams said. "And we'll have other ones too. We'll try to do some education with them as well."

Another strategy of reducing youth substance use is to reduce access and enhance barriers, making it harder for youth to obtain substances.

Williams described a program titled Reward and Remind, which she said a committee would meet to discuss in the near future.

The plan states, "Increase

enforcement of state law by implementing Reward/Remind program, where youth, working with law enforcement, try to purchase tobacco products. If vendor sells to minor, they are reminded of the law. If vendor checks ID and does not sell to minor, vendor is rewarded. School resource officer will work with ASAP committee with planning and implementation."

Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana

Using data from the Kentucky Incentives for Prevention (KIP) Surveys, administered to sixth, eighth, tenth, and twelfth-grade students every other year, ASAP is able to plan and implement in areas that the results indicate more attention is needed.

Missy Warner with Youth Services plans to oversee the creation of a youth council, comprised of Casey County High School students.

"We want for them to be leaders in the school," Warner said. "We're working with the

Regional Prevention Center on a Positive Norms Campaign. So instead of saying 30 percent of our teens drink alcohol, it's going to say 70 percent of our kids do not drink alcohol."

Jelaine Harlow, health educator for Lake Cumberland District Health Department, will also be active in the school with the Casey County School District recently passing a tobacco-free policy.

"This is a very positive step for the health of the kids and the community," Harlow said. "We will offer smoking cessation to all of the staff at the school, as well."

Casey County ASAP is forming several committees who will meet, plan, and implement the curriculum designed to meet their long-term goals.

"We have five years to do this," Williams said. "It's a process, it's not a happening. We want to change environmental faults in our community and how we look at drugs."

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